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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-12 were previously pending in the application. Claims 3-5 have been amended for clarity and to provide proper antecedent basis. Claim 12 was amended for clarity. New claim 13 is a dependent claim which incorporates a limitation previously present in claim 12. Thus, no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-13 are pending in the application.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph - indefiniteness

Claims 3-5 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment that claims 3-5 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections in the Office Action. These grounds for rejection are addressed below.

The Examiner has rejected claim 3 as being indefinite because this claim recites "several inlet holes (2)" without any correlation to the "at least one inlet hole (2)" previously recited in claim 1. Accordingly, claim 3 has been amended to delete "several" and to recite "said at least one inlet hole (2) . . .". Applicants submit that claim 3 is now properly correlated with claim 1. Claim 3 has been further amended to recite a "first" and "second" end side for purposes of clarification.

The Examiner has rejected claim 4 as being indefinite because there is no direct antecedent basis for the recitations of "the wall (8)" and "the two end sides (3,5)" in claim 1. Accordingly, claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 3 and to recite "a wall (8)" and "between the first and second end sides (3, 5)". Applicants submit that claim 4 now has proper antecedent basis with respect to claim 3.

The Examiner has rejected claim 5 as being indefinite because this claim has no direct antecedent basis for the recitation of "the end side (5)" in claim 1. Accordingly, claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 3 and to recite "the second end side (5)". Applicants submit that claim 5 now has proper antecedent basis with respect to claim 3.

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The Examiner has rejected claim 12 as being indefinite "because when the word "preferably" is used, it is not known whether the broad range of 1/8-1/128 of an inch" or the more specific "1/32-1/64 of an inch" is necessary to meet this claim". Accordingly, claim 12 has been amended to delete "preferably 1/32-1/64 of an inch". New claim 13 has been added which recites the "1/32-1/64 of an inch" limitation as a dependent claim from claim 12. Applicants submit that this amendment to claim 12 and new claim 13 addresses the Examiner's rejection based on indefiniteness of claim 12.

Based on the amendments to the claims discussed above, Applicants submit that all of the Examiner's rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph have been overcome. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that these grounds for rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Claim Allowability

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 1, 2, and 6-11.

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